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1. After two years of careful reorganization of its records, the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) has completed the work of converting its membership rolls from an overt or semi-overt status to an underground status, by grouping all registered members into secret cells, and by establishing a new and clandestine type of filing system.
2. Approximately two years ago the formation of secret cells was begun among the more important party leaders and party office-holders only. This work has been continued gradually to include all active party members and, finally, the entire registered membership.
3. PSP files pertaining to party membership are no longer maintained in Cuba. Each party member's name has been assigned a symbol consisting of a number and a letter. The symbols are retained in Cuba, lists of names are sent to Guatemala from Cuba, and the pertinent biographical information concerning each PSP member is sent to Mexico.
4. After the biographical data concerning a member are consolidated or carded in Mexico, the information is forwarded to a central office in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The person now in charge of PSP records at this central office is Abelardo Adan Garcia, one of the leaders of the Cuban Communist youth organization, Juventud Socialista (JS).
5. The above-mentioned membership data are carried to Guatemala and Mexico by party members chosen as couriers for that purpose. It is expected that all heads of cells will soon receive cards indirectly identifying them as cell leaders under the new system. These cards will probably be in the form of membership cards in sport or social organizations set up for that purpose.

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6. The PSP has also changed its manner of holding meetings. In the past, formal committee meetings were often known to the public or at least to the party at large, and were sometimes attended by other party members, party advisers, or visitors from party organizations in other parts of the island. At the present time, however, meetings are being limited to the specific members of the committee or other body concerned, and other persons are admitted to meetings only when their presence is deemed necessary for the business at hand.
7. In addition to the limitation on attendance at practically all PSP meetings, stress is also being placed on the holding of these meetings in a more clandestine manner than heretofore. Fewer individuals are informed about meetings, and meetings limited to the necessary members are usually held in private homes or other more secluded places. This practice is also being followed by the JS.

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